IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1284 OF 2004

Sukhdevsingh S. Jat ... Applicant

versus

State of Maharashtra ... Respondent

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Mr.Arfan Sait, for the Applicant, amicus curiae.

Mr.R.Y. Mirza, A.P.P., for the Respondent.

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CORAM : A.M.KHANWILKAR,J.

7th March 2005

P.C.:

. Heard Counsel for the parties. The Applicant is being tried for four different offences. Two offences are being tried before the Magistrate at Kurla. The other two offences are being tried before the Sessions Court at Palghar. In this backdrop, it is not possible to give direction to dispose of all the cases in a time bound manner.

. However, to meet the ends of justice, the cases, which are pending before the Palghar Court, are directed to be assigned to the Fast Track Court to ensure early disposal of those cases as High Court Expedited cases. This course is adopted because those cases can be set down for hearing before the Fast Track Court, unlike the two cases pending at Kurla Court which are triable by Magistrate. It is only after those cases are disposed of, the question of expediting the cases pending against the Applicant before the Magistrate's Court at Kurla can be considered. Application is disposed of on the above terms.

. Copy of this order be forwarded to the Sessions Judge, Thane, who in turn shall assign the two pending cases against the Applicant before the Aditional Session Judge's Court to Fast Track Court, so as to ensure early disposal of those cases as High Court Expedited Cases.

. Copy of the order be also forwarded to the Applicant who has filed this application

through jail.

. Court expresses word of appreciation to Mr. Arfan Sait for his able assistance to espouse the cause of the Applicant as amicus curiae.

(A.M.KHANWILKAR,J.)